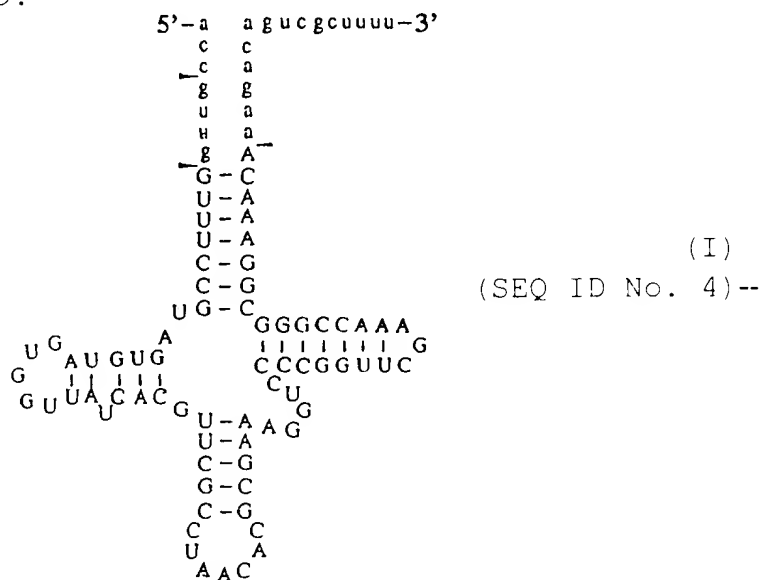


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Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 26, and continuing  
through the tRNA structure on page 6, line 3, with the following paragraph:

--8. An RNA variant (mature tRNA<sup>Val</sup>) adopting the following  
secondary structure (I), wherein said RNA variant comprises  
a bulge structure introduced in the region in which  
hydrogen bonds form between nucleotides 8 to 14 and  
nucleotides 73 to 79.



### IN THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the abstract as follows:

--A ribozyme comprising the following base sequence (I) or  
(II):

base sequence (I) (SEQ ID No. 1): 5'-ACCGUUGGUUUCGGUAGUGUAGU  
GGUUAUCACGUUCGCCUAACACGCGAAAGGUCCCCGGUUCGAAACCGGGCACUACAAAC  
ACAACACUGAUGAGGACCGAAAGGUCCGAAACGGGCACGUCGGAAACGGUUUUU-3'